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The Honorable Mick Mulvaney
Director, Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street Northwest
Washington, District of Columbia 20503

Dear Director Mulvaney:

I write to urge you consider a well-rounded funding proposal to provide additional resources to address the ongoing opioid epidemic that impacts every community in my district. Just a few short weeks ago, President Trump declared the opioid epidemic a national public health emergency, demonstrating that there is a need to provide additional funding to fight the rampant drug overdoses impacting families. Opioid abuse is a genuine epidemic, and I am pleased that the President made this important distinction.

I have spoken with too many individuals in every county in my district that can tell a story about a friend or relative that succumbed to addiction, or worse. It is imperative that we meet this challenge with the vigor and resources it demands. I believe we must provide additional funding for prevention, treatment, and enforcement.

The report from President's Commission on Combatting Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis made it clear, we must act now to stem the tide of this very human issue. I urge you to create a wide-ranging funding proposal to submit to Congress so we can work to further address this crisis during the next round of federal government appropriations.

Our work is far from done and I remain committed to staying engaged with the administration, our local communities, and with the victims to effectively facilitate an authentic reversal of this dangerous upward trend of opioid addiction.

Sincerely,

John J. Faso
Member of Congress